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FOR ASST SECRETARY HUMMEL FROM SULLIVAN

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TAGS: MARR, RP, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.L

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF SECRETARY AND ASST SEC HUMMEL

REF: (A) MANILA 10478, (B) MANILA 10705, (C) STATE 180618,
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1. AS YOU WILL NOTE FROM REFS A AND B, I BELIEVE THAT A BRIEF VISIT TO MANILA BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IS AN IMPERATIVE INGREDIENT IN MOVING OUR MILITARY FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. THEREFORE, DESPITE NEGATIVE INDICATIONS IN TODAY'S PRESS TICKERS, I REMAIN HOPEFUL HE WILL STOP HERE ON HIS WAY HOME FROM ISLAMABAD. HE COULD MAKE A NON-STOP JUMP FROM PAKISTAN TO PHILIPPINES, FOR EXPLAINABLE REASONS, EVEN IF HE DOES HAVE TO ELIMINATE BANGKOK AND SINGAPORE. THE ADDITIONAL TIME INVOLVED IS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER THAN A FLIGHT HOME THROUGH EUROPE.

2. IF EVENTS DEVELOP THIS WAY (AND I HOPE YOU WILL STRONGLY ENCOURAGE IT) THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE GREAT LOGIC IN YOUR ENDING YOUR ASIAN SWING IN MANILA SO THAT YOU CAN RETURN TO WASHINGTON WITH HIM ON HIS PLANE. THEREFORE, I WOULD URGE YOU TO COME HERE AFTER YOUR TOKYO VISIT, AND
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ASSUME THAT YOUR ARRIVAL WOULD ANTICIPATE HIS BY A DAY OR

SO. WE WOULD PROBABLY SUSPEND OUR NEGOTIATIONS FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL, IN ANY EVENT, AND WE COULD USE THAT INTERVAL TO GET YOU AROUND TO MAKE CALLS AND OTHERWISE PROFITABLY USE YOUR TIME. OBVIOUSLY, YOUR PARTICIPATION IN WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS THE SECRETARY WILL MAKE WITH THE FILIPINOS WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE WASHINGTON FOLLOW-UP.

3. IT IS MY CONSIDERED OPINION THAT OUR NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE AT A POINT IN EARLY AUGUST WHERE THE HIGH LEVEL HORSE TRADING CAN TAKE PLACE AND THE FILIPINOS SEEM TO BE SETTING THAT UP WITH SOME RELISH FOR THE SECRETARY. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, ROMULO STATED THAT THE SECRETARY IS COMING. HE BASED THIS ON THE APRIL CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND DECLINED, UNDER QUESTIONING, TO LINK THE VISIT WITH OUR NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, THE LOCAL PRESS HAS TIED THE TWO TOGETHER IN THEIR COMMENTARY.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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